they shifted him to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, because had there not been a medical intervention, who knows what would have happened to his life? The thigh of my body, which as you are aware and as everybody is aware is a relatively stronger part of the body, Sir, if you see the extent of injuries suffered by me—burns, abrasions, haematoma, muscle tear—it would show the force of the blast and the close range from which it was intended, targeting at my party President, which I just intercepted to cover him. It is all right; my thigh would heal after a few weeks but what about the wounds on the politics of this country? You are trying to kill a man, is it permitted in policies of this country, who was lying unconscious or the road, and who was trying to undertake a peaceful protest rally? This is what had happened, Sir. I request you kindly (to examine the issues that I have raised.

Sir, I am not important. During the freedom struggle, fighting for the values that this country has cherished, many people had died and I won't mind being one of those to die for the cause... (*Interruptions*)...But please see, Sir, that in the process, the dignity of the Members of this House is not lowered and the assault on the life of a person who is a Member of this House is properly investigated by the Committee.

I have submitted a motion in writing as per the rules, under Rule 187 of the House and I have submitted it to the Secretary-General. I have also written to the Chairman. I will be available for providing all information in greater detail because I do not want now to take more time of this House than what is due to me. But I request you to investigate this matter and do justice not only to me, but also to this Parliament and to the democratic polity and the Constitution of this country. Thank you, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Jain, your notice of breach of privilege has been received by the honourable Chairman and it is under consideration.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Sir,.....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Just a minute. There is an announcement about Government business by the Parliamentary Affairs Minister. It won't take more than a minute. Yes, Mr. Abrar Ahmed.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 15TH MARCH, 1993.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): With your permission, Sir, I rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing 15th March, 1993, will consist of:—

1. Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.

2. Discussion on the Resolutions seeking disapproval of the following Ordinances and consideration and passing of the bills replacing these Ordinances as passed by Lok Sabha:—

(a) The National Thermal Power Corporation Limited, the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation Limited and the North-Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (Acquisition and Transfer of Power Transmission Systems) Ordinance, 1993.

(b) The Essential Commodities (Special Provisions) Amendment Ordinance, 1993.

(c) The Interest on Delayed Payments to Small Scale and Ancillary Industrial Undertakings Ordinance, 1993.

(d) The Gold Bonds (Immunities and Exemptions) Ordinance, 1993.

3. General Discussion on the Railway Budget for 1993-94.

Re. ALLEGED ASSAULT ON AN M. L. A. OF THE TAMIL NADU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Yes, Mr. S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, with great anguish and grave concern, I want to raise an important issue.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Very important.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Sir, I am raising this issue because there is an attempt to suppress the Opposition and also to launch a threat against the minorities in a part of this country.

Sir, this morning I received a phone call from the Leader of the Opposition in Tamil Nadu that Mr. Peter Alphonse, a Christian, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu, has been attacked by hooligans and thugs... (*Interruptions*) ...in the vicinity, in the premises of the MLA's Hostel. While attacking him, the rowdies shouted, "If you raise your voice in the Assembly, you will be finished"! Mr. Peter Alphonse belongs to a minority community and he is a Member of the Opposition Party. This threat to his life is made in the Hostel. What does it mena? Here I want to quote Edmund Burke, the greatest parliamentarian of the world. Edmund Burke once said in the House of Commons:

"It is the nature of despotism to annihilate all intermediate powers, but for its own momentary pleasures, between its boundless sterngth and the total debility of its people."

So, the despotic and arrogant nature of the leadership of Tamil Nadu Government can be seen and it is following the tactics mentioned by Edmund Burke in the 18th century. So, it is high time for the Government to consider, when there is a threat to the minority communities and when the Opposition is suppressed, how to deal. Is it not time to deal with this State Government seriously?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Sir,... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir,... (*Interruptions*) ...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): You see, the Chairman has given permission to Mr. Subramanian Swamy. After that, I will allow you.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Sir, what happened to Mr. Peter Alphonse is no ordinary matter. In the MLAs hostel, goons came in, police was totally looking on, which means there is connivance, which means reckless misuse of power. The Home Minister is here. If this is the position of an all-India ruling party's Members who were till yesterday in alliance with the ruling party there, it is incumbent—and I can tell you, Sir, that I have faced for the last four months nothing but violent attacks from the goons of the Anna DMK, and these all have been documented in the press—and I would like the Home Minister to make a statement on the state of this MLA because it is not an ordianry matter, it is not a State matter, but it is a matter dealing with democracy and the functioning of the Constitution. Therefore, if he is unable to ensure the safety of the MLAs there he should dismiss the Government immediately.